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President Miles’ Statement on Governor’s Budget Recommendations

The Board of Regents is very pleased to learn today of the restoration of $31 million in general education funding for Iowa’s public universities in the Governor’s budget for FY 2010, and again for FY 2011. This action is a very positive step toward protecting the excellence of our great institutions, benefitting our students, and preserving jobs.

This is welcome news and the Regents are eager to be part of the solution to the State’s economic crisis. We are moving ahead with efforts to address ongoing budget challenges and to operate our institutions in the most cost-effective manner possible. In addition, we will continue to work with the Governor and legislature to implement cost-saving measures as part of the government efficiency and reorganization effort.

While we understand that this is the first step in the budget process, today’s action demonstrates the Governor’s commitment to public higher education. We thank the Governor for his recognition of the world class education, research, and service provided to all Iowans by Iowa’s public universities, and the role of public higher education to Iowa’s economic success.

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